# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# URBAN DEVELOPMENT
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SETTING UP OF MPCS
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**Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the main aim of Metropolitan Planning Committee (MPCs) is to formulate Metropolitan Development Plans and help planning process to provide better services to urban population;

(b) if so, whether setting up of MPCs is a constitutional requirement under Article 243 ZE of the Constitution in Urban agglomerations with population more th&n one million;

(c) if so, the name of States who have set up such MPCs in their States;

(d) the steps taken or being taken to ensure that all the States set up MPCs in each Urban agglomerations with population of more than one million;

(e) whether the Government proposes to amend Article 243 ZE to secure participation of MPs and MLAs in MPCs; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) The main function of the Metropolitan Planning Committee is to prepare a draft development plan for the metropolitan area as a whole.

(b) Setting up of MPCs is a constitutional requirement under Article 243 ZE of the Constitution in every metropolitan area having a population of ten lakhs or more.

(c) Maharashtra and West Bengal have set up MPCs in their States.

(d) As per entry 5 of the State List of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution `Local Government` is a State subject. Hence, it is for the States to ensure implementation of the provisions enshrined in the Constitution (74th Amendment) Act, 1992. However, Ministry of Urban Development has been impressing upon the States to implement all the provisions of said Amendment Act by organizing meetings, workshops, conferences, etc. from time to time. Setting up of MPCs is one of the provisions of the said Amendment Act. Ministry of Urban Development has also developed a Model Municipal Law and circulated to all States to help them implement all the provisions of the above Amendment Act by amending their municipal laws or drafting new municipal laws.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise in view of reply.